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## **BAUGH INDICTED ON 4 FELONIES. ORANGE CO. POLITICS WON'T EVER BE THE SAME AFTER THIS.**

Editor's note: Members of Orange Co.'s *GOP Junta*, who control Republican Party politics in this conservative So. Calif. county (and have increased statewide clout as well), have *circled the wagons* (*state of siege*), following guilty pleas by 3 young GOP campaign staffers and the recent indictment (3/22) of new GOP Assemblyman Scott Baugh of Huntington Beach and two others. Baugh and the others were charged with various types of voter fraud and campaign reporting violations in connection with last year's recall of Doris Allen. Lots of questions remain unanswered. Here is our analysis & commentary...

...This story has grabbed big headlines. It's a major story because of the elected officials whose names have surfaced in connection with this ongoing probe --- from Baugh to GOP Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle and U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Huntington Beach). Pringle & Rohrabacher deny any wrongdoing, as does Baugh. And it's a story that isn't going away, which is **not** good news for the CA Republican Party (CRP) or for the RNC and their presidential candidate, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole...

...Many insiders, who have read the media accounts of the affidavits and court papers, are beginning to make comparisons --- to *Watergate* and to 1968 political thriller movie "*Z*" written & directed by Costa Gavras. It's the power-grab and disregard for law which invites these comparisons. "This case is giving Orange Co. an unsavory image," one source told CALPEEK, reminding us about the *Poll Guard* incident several years ago, as well as the 1986 *Phony White House letters* case, all taking place in O.C....

...Top Calif. GOP elected officials, such as Gov. Pete Wilson, AG Dan Lungren and Sec. of State Bill Jones

(the State's top election watchdog), are trying to duck and run for cover, but insiders say it's just a matter of time before they get sucked into this mess...

...And instead of taking a low-keyed approach, some *Junta* members defending Baugh and the others, are in a *give no quarter* mode --- especially toward Orange Co. DA Mike Capizzi. Very troubling to some Calif. Republicans was a O.C. Register (3/24) front page photo of Rohrabacher (looking outraged) and the CRP's Vice Chair, Michael Schroeder, a key player in O.C. GOP politics, who will become CRP chairman next year. Question: is Schroeder trying to drag the entire CA Republican Party into this battle with Mike Capizzi? Question: does current CRP Chair John Herrington agree with Schroeder? If not, does he have the clout to stop Schroeder or cool him off???

...FYI: As for Capizzi, he's highly regarded among prosecutors statewide and will be the incoming president of the CA District Attorneys Assn. for the 1996-97 fiscal year. He's considered an expert on "official misconduct" - that's another term for political corruption. As one source told CALPEEK, "He's got an impressive record and if I were Baugh, I'd be worried because Capizzi knows what he's doing." Stay tuned...

## **PRIMARY ANALYSIS**

Editor's note: Here is Part I of CALPEEK's Primary Election Analysis. In Part II (next week) we'll do our *Winners & Losers Column* and cover whatever we weren't able to squeeze in this week...

❖ **Voter Turnout** - The Mar. 26 primary witnessed one of the lowest turnout for a presidential primary --- 38.5%. But it could go higher (40-42%) once election day absentee ballots are counted. FYI: CA Sec. of State Bill Jones tried to get on the morning TV shows

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in L.A. to plug the primary, but was turned down because producers were overbooked on Oscar award stories from the night before (3/25). *Incredible...*

❖ **Incumbents Under Siege** - Only one incumbent was defeated: former Assembly Speaker Brian Setencich(R-Fresno), who was targeted by the CA Indep. Business PAC and the CA Republican Party. Setencich got 48.4% and lost to GOP newcomer Robert Prenter, who got 51.6%. There are still thousands of AV ballots yet to be counted and Prenter holds a lead of about 540 votes, but most think he'll hold on. All other legislative and U.S. House incumbents won their primaries, including U.S. Rep. Bob Filner(D-San Diego)...

❖ **Sons & Daughters Didn't Fare Well** - The offspring (all Demos) of past and present lawmakers didn't do as well as some had expected. Losers included: George Miller (11th A.D. to Sup. Tom Torlakson); Dave Cortese (23rd A.D. to Sup. Mike Honda); Mark Dymally (51st A.D. to Inglewood Mayor Ed Vincent); Melinda Murray (52nd A.D. to Carl Washington); Keith McDonald (55th A.D. to Dick Floyd); and Michael Vicencia (56th A.D. to Sally Havice). The only offspring who will appear on the November ballot is Matt Moretti(D), who will face Assemblyman Larry Bowler(R-Sacto)...

❖ **Familiar Names** - Among former legislators who made successful comebacks are the following: Rusty Areias(D-15th SD); Lou Papan(D-19th AD); Ted Lempert(D-21st AD); Tom McClintock(R-38th AD); Dick Floyd(D-55th AD); Tricia Hunter(R-78th AD); and Steve Clute(D-80th AD). The only former legislator to lose was Doug Bosco(D) in the 1st A.D. He was upset by teacher Virginia Strom-Martin...

### **Presidential Politics**

...No surprises, as both President Bill Clinton and GOP Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole won their respective primaries. Clinton got 92.3%, while Dole got 66%. Hardline conservative Pat Buchanan got but 18%, exactly what pollster Mervin Field had predicted. Not a good showing at all for Buchanan...

### **The Hot Ballot Measures**

☒ **Open Primary Wins** - Prop. 198 got 59.5% and will become law starting next year. This measure might have never qualified had it not been for David Packard, who died Mar. 26th. Packard supplied much of the

funding for the qualification drive. FYI: this was the only initiative that won on primary night...

☒ **Tort Reform Blues** - Rack up a big win for Consumer Attorneys of CA (aka the *trial lawyers*) and a big loss for The Alliance to Revitalize CA. What happened? When the Alliance linked 200 (no fault car insurance), 201 (shareholder lawsuits) and 202 (attorney contingency fees), they realized too late that no fault (200) was dragging the whole package down. In addition, the Alliance was hurt by lack of insurance company money and had only *luke warm* support from the GOP -- in fact some of the big GOP slate cards carried a NO on 200-201-202. Of the three, 202 came closest to winning. It got 48.6%...

☒ **Bond Measures Win** - It's been a while since a statewide bond measure won approval, but voters gave the OK to both 192 (the \$2 billion Seismic Retrofit Bond Act of '96) and 203 (the \$3 billion educational facilities bond act). In addition to solid slate support, both had effective TV ads. Nice wins for Townsend et al + McNally Temple on 192 & Stoorza Ziegaus & Metzger on 203...

☒ **Mobilehome Rent Control** - When the NO on 199 team pumped \$175,000 into a 10-day radio buy featuring former mobilehome owner Patty Bishop crying about being evicted from her mobilehome, it was all over. Consultant Steve Hopcraft's :60 sec. radio spot was brilliant -- because you could almost picture your mother saying the same thing. A real *tear jerker* ad that turned mobilehome park landlords into evil SOB's. NO on 199 got 61%...

### **The Special Elections**

☒ **11th S.D.** - A big win for Demo Senate Leader Bill Lockyer and Demo Assemblyman Byron Sher of Palo Alto, as he crushed GOPER Patrick Shannon. Sher got 55.3% to Shannon's 44.7%. Sher and Shannon will face off again Nov. 5, but for now Sher is in the State Senate, replacing Tom Campbell(R). A big win for consultants Larry Sheingold and David Townsend. FYI: insiders say senate Demo staffers went all out for Sher and volunteered time because of personal dislike for Shannon --- and to send a message to Gov. Wilson's staff...

☒ **37th C.D.** - Demo Assemblywoman Juanita Mc-

Donald of Compton is on her way to DC as the 37th C.D.'s new congresswoman. In a crowded field (with no GOPers), she got 27.2%. Demo Assemblyman Willard Murray got 20.6%. Although we never saw it, sources say McDonald's polling showed her ahead all the way. It wasn't until the end that Murray started to play catch up. In November, McDonald will face Michael Voetee(R). There will be NO special election to fill McDonald's assembly seat, which will remain vacant for 8 months...

☒ **13th A.D.** - S.F. Co. Sup. Carole Migden is on her way to Sacto to replace Willie Brown(D). She had no GOP opponent in the special --- nor does she have a Republican rival in November...

### **U.S. House Races**

...The primary results tells CALPEEK that we can expect some very exciting congressional battles in the fall. Here's a list of Demo winners in those primaries which we covered: **1st C.D.** - Michela Alioto (41.1%) over Monica Marvin (32.8%) - carpetbagging and not voting in 4 past elections just didn't matter because Alioto had very high positives; **24th C.D.** - BoE Member Brad Sherman won big with 53.4%, as Jeff Lipow's late mailings didn't do the trick (he got 10.7%); **27th C.D.** - perennial candidate w/deep pockets Doug Kahn won again by defeating former SAG president Barry Gordon 51.4% to 48.6%...

...On the GOP side, here's a list of winners in selected primaries we covered: **20th C.D.** - Assemblyman Trice Harvey won his primary with 40.3%, but two underfunded unknowns made this primary interesting; **36th C.D.** - It'll be a rematch for U.S. Rep. Jane Harman(D) because Susan Brooks(R) won her tough primary against Irwin Savodnik and two others; and **42nd C.D.** - San Berdu Judge Linda Wilde got 33.9% to win her primary against 3 male challengers...

### **CA Senate Primaries**

...Here's a list of Demo winners from Tuesday's primary: **9th S.D.** - Assemblymember Barbara Lee defeated colleague Bob Campbell - 60.2% to 39.8%; **13th S.D.** - John Vasconcellos crushed Tom Hayes by a 68.9% to 31.1% margin; and **25th S.D.** - Sen. Teresa Hughes(D) defeated Assemblyman Curtis Tucker - in a tough primary that got tons of attention after Tucker got \$40,000 from GOP Leader Rob Hurtt. FYI: credit

Deirdre Hill, Hughes' daughter, who made things happen. She's president of the L.A. Police Commission...

...On the GOP side, here are the winners: **17th S.D.** - Assemblyman Pete Knight got 46.2% to defeat former Sen. Phil Wyman and City Mgr. John Cox of Victorville; **21st S.D.** - the mud fight is over and Assemblywoman Paula Boland (in need of a bath & perm) won her primary with 34.9% over Wilbert Smith (24.9) and Bob Oltman (22.7%); **27th S.D.** - Assemblyman Phil Hawkins mashed Long Beach businessman Frank Colonna with 60.2% of the vote...

### **CA Assembly Primaries**

...On the Demo side, the Latino Legislative Caucus are big winners as they scored key wins in their targeted primaries. The top target was the **39th A.D.** and here Tony Cardenas got 43.5%, while Jim Dantona (24.7%) and Valerie Salkin(22.0%) cut each other up. The 2nd target was the **9th A.D.** and here Sacto Councilman Deborah Ortiz mashed Sacto Co. Sup. Roger Dickin-son. She got 52.2%. Here's a case where flawed opposition research played a key role. Other Demo winners included: **16th A.D.** - former Alameda Co. Sup. Don Perata; **23rd A.D.** - Santa Clara Co. Sup. Mike Honda; **28th A.D.** - Lily Cervantes; and **48th A.D.** - Rod Wright...

...On the GOP side, winners included: **15th A.D.** - Lynn Leach (55.1%); **43rd A.D.** - John Geranios, who reportedly spent \$500,000 and got 5,877 (that's a little less than \$100 per vote); **44th A.D.** - Incumbent Bill Hoge got 67.3% against 2 underfunded rivals; **53rd A.D.** - Torrance Councilman Dan Walker sends businessman John Morris back to *Beverly Hills 90210*; **56th A.D.** - Richard Lambros; **67th A.D.** - Scott Baugh may be under indictment, but he won easily with 49.5%; **71st A.D.** - one of the nastiest GOP primaries was won by Bill Campbell over Jim Beam...

### **Local Elections**

☒ **L.A. DA's Race** - Incumbent L.A. County D.A. Gil Garcetti, who spent nearly \$1 million in this primary and got only 37%, faces a Nov. 5th runoff with Dep. DA John Lynch who got but 21%. Dep. DA Malcolm Jordan, who raised about \$500,000, finished 3rd with 17%. Jordan's polling data showed Garcetti's reelect number at only 39% - very close to the actual result. What all this says is that voters were looking for an

alternative to Garcetti. Lynch owes it all to the L.A. Times endorsement and perhaps to some GOP voter confusion over his name --- remember former L.A. Co. Assessor John Lynch???

☒ **Odds & Ends** - Measure L in San Bernardino to block the Railcycle project was defeated in a megabuck campaign...Measure S in Orange Co. (El Toro II) was defeated...Measure B in S.F. to build a new ballpark for the baseball Giants was approved...Stay tuned...

**WEST L.A. LINCOLN CLUB ELECTION ANALYSIS.**

The West L.A. Lincoln Club will host a post election analysis with GOP campaign consultants Allan Hoffenblum & Stephen Kinney, 6:30 p.m., April 9, Regency Club, 10900 Wilshire Blvd., West L.A. For info & RSVPs ☎ Sarah Kane at (818)345-2310...

**UCLA'S YOUNG AT PUBLIC POLICY SERIES FORUM.**

UCLA Chancellor Charles Young will be the speaker when the Public Policy Series holds its 2nd breakfast meeting, 8 a.m., April 10, La Cima Room, City Club, 333 S. Grand Ave., L.A. For info & RSVPs ☎ (213) 617 - 4074. Parking validated. Cost \$40...

**CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.**

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ **Clinton/Gore '96 Update** - C/G '96 Dep. Cmp. Mgr. Ann Lewis has assigned regional press secretaries in 4 areas: Southern - Lisa Davis; Midwest - Camille Johnston; Northeast - Jake Siewart; and Northwest & Rocky Mts. - Joe Cerrell - the son who works in the White House as VP Al Gore's Asst. Press Sec. Need to reach Cerrell the Younger? ☎ (303)592-8900...

■ **They're Baccckkkk** - Remember Taxpayers Against the Govt. Takeover?? It was the pro-business group formed in '94 to fight the single payer healthcare initiative (Prop. 186) put on the ballot by the medical establishment. It's been reactivated --- just in case two new healthcare proposals make the Nov. 5th ballot. One initiative is backed by the CA Nurses Assn. and the other is backed by SEIU. Goddard Claussen/1st Tuesday is the campaign mgt. firm handling TAGT...

■ **Registration Figures for CA** - Final registration

totals for the Primary shows that 14,523,714 voters are registered in Calif. Demos have 6,849,330 (47.5%); GOP 5,373,746 (37.0%); AIP - 255,444; Reform Party 117,701; Natural Law - 99,643; Green - 83,523; Peace & Freedom - 70,572; Libertarian Party - 70,320; and Decline to State 1,551,006 (10.7%)...

■ **Seneca Network for GOP Women** - It's new and its aim is to elect more GOP women. The Seneca Network doesn't recruit candidates, train staff or make endorsements. Its only goal is to get money into the hands of GOP women candidates, regardless of political philosophy (no litmus tests). It costs \$30 to join and members have to commit to support at least 2 GOP women candidates in the upcoming election cycle with \$50 each. For info: Diann Rogers ☎ (916)638-8995. Or write to P.O. Box 938, Folsom, CA 95763...

**NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.**

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Hi-tech industrialist David Packard died Mar. 26 of pneumonia at Stanford Univ. Medical Center. He was 83 and had been hospitalized since Mar. 16. Packard was a major force in financing moderate Republican candidates & causes. R.I.P...

● Another sad note: Former State Sen. Clare Berryhill (R-Ceres) died Mar. 18 after a battle with cancer. The 70-year-old Berryhill was also CA Ag Secretary. R.I.P...

● Bill McIntyre has been hired by Direct Impact Communications in their DC office as a VP...

● Joseph R. Cerrell is now a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Pepperdine Univ., co-teaching a class on Campaigns, Elections & the Political Process. He co-founded USC's Unruh Inst. of Politics and taught at USC for 15 years before joining Pepperdine's faculty...

● Douglas Elmetts, who for the past six years has been ARCO's chief lobbyist, has formed Elmetts Communications Group, 770 "L" St., Ste. 810, Sacramento, CA 95814. ☎ (916)329-9180...

● Woodland Hills attorney Wayne Avrashow has been appointed to the L.A. Convention & Exhibition Center Authority Commission...